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SHIAWASSEE FARMERS' PICNIC.

An Enjoyable Meeting Held at the Park Saturday—Good Music and Earnest Helpful Addresses.

The picnic of the Shiawassee County Association of Farmers' Clubs was held at Caledonia Park Saturday under the most favorable of circumstances. The day which was almost uncomfortably warm in the morning began to be comfortably cool by the time the program began in the afternoon and with a light breeze playing among the trees of the park all annoyance from the heat was forgotten. As usual the pavilion at the park was taxed to the utmost capacity and many more stood about the sides, on the ground listening to as much of the program as they could hear.

The principal treat of the afternoon was of course the address by Prof. A. J. Cook, of the California agricultural college, but the other addresses and papers were also good. The music by the Congregational choir was a pleasant feature of the program while the violin solo by Miss Mabel Ferry and the soprano solo by Mrs. R. E. Travis, both of whom were accompanied on the piano by Miss Gregory, aroused a lively appreciation and hearty applause. A piano solo by Mr. J. J. Whelan carried the audience along with it and was heartily enjoyed as Mr. Whelan's piano solos always are. The recital of the experience of one of Dewey's sailors with a tub of butter spattered over him by a Spanish shell brought down the house when given by Master Glen Fuller, of the Maple River Farmers' Club, and the recitation by Homer McBride, of the Oak Grove Club, was also well received. The piano duet by the little Misses McCallum, of the North Newburg Club, was also prettily done. An instrumental duet by the Misses Hadley, of Illinois, who are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Frank Sergeant, was another pleasant musical feature of the well filled program.

Some of the more important points in the various papers and addresses are given here. Each one was an earnest effort and apparently was received with the appreciation it deserved.

After the meeting was called to order with well chosen remarks by Pres. E. J. Cook, the Maple River quartet had sung an anthem, and prayer had been offered by Rev. Charles H. Hanks, Prof. A. J. Cook was introduced. Prof. Cook spoke in part as follows:

It is exceedingly pleasant to be here on this beautiful day, to see your green fields, and especially to look into your friendly faces. I used to be with you often, and now after these years of separation it is doubly pleasant to be with you again.

When, the other day, I heard that there were in this state over six hundred granges, and over three hundred fifty farmers' clubs, I said, "Good for grand old Michigan, I am glad to call her my native state."

But there is work to do. Rockefeller is said to be worth three hundred millions and is taxed on six hundred thousands. Prof. Bemis, of the University of Chicago, says this whole method of taxation is one gigantic wrong. The taxation problem is a gigantic problem, and this club movement seems today to offer a means of obtaining the solution. The great portion of the morality of the country is on the farm.

You remember the great amount of capital put into trusts last year, but this year in February alone more money was put into trusts than all last year together. An author stated a few weeks ago that we must have a change in this respect. Now I believe this world is constantly improving. Next year will be a better year than this, and next week will be a better week than this. It's been a constant evolution. We can't stop it. If we degrade ourselves we will simply not be in harmony with the improvement going on. But we are going to keep on and complete the evolution. It must be either revolution—or there are worse things than revolution—it must be evolution, and I believe it is going to be evolution.

The farmers' club is educative. This is its great work—to make the best method the common method, educating the people to the better things. You don't know how much one club alone in this county has done for farmers' clubs in southern California. Your social features are a great advantage alone. Now I'm going to tell you some of the farmers' faults. You are too suspicious of each other and you can't deny it. So while I used to put the educational feature first I am now inclined to put the social feature first, because it teaches you to trust each other. It teaches you to stop suspecting each other and to realize what a good man your neighbor is; that he would not wrong you any more than you would him.

ed in politics. And in a way you must have politics in your clubs. Did you have a man in the legislature whom you could trust? You must look out for that—never send a man who did not prove true to you when he had a chance. You must stand together on matters of common interest.

Then the club teaches you to speak, to talk before audiences, so that the man who knows something may help his fellows by being ready to tell them what he knows better than they how to do.

Combinations and trusts are good in some ways; and they have come to stay, whether you like it or not. We have got to have revolution or evolution, for the things must not be just as they are now. Trusts have indeed come to stay, but they must not act as some are attempting to act now, and before the matter is settled it will be found that other trusts still must be organized.

In 1893 the orange crop was magnificent, but the freight rates were so high, the markets so bad that when the accounts came back they were marked in red ink. After raising and marketing the fruit, instead of receiving anything for their crop the California growers actually found that it had not paid for its freight and commission charges. In '94 they did better, in '95 still better, and the citrus fruit association is now doing good work. For instance, the fruit exchange learns that there are a number of cars of fruit in Chicago at one time, and being able to order one sent to St. Louis, one to Cincinnati, etc., they get good prices instead of bearing a total loss. Last year the exchange got 95 per cent of the amount for which the raisins were sold, and while prices were not raised they secured fair prices for their produce by handling the produce themselves and avoiding the robbery of the commission dealers.

Now similar combinations will be the outgrowth of the farmers' club movement, and I am proud of Lenawee county with its thirty granges, and Shiawassee with its thirteen clubs. But these combinations will not come at once, they will take years, then some day we will have something which can grapple with the Standard Oil trust itself. I believe that the world is getting better all the time, and I am glad that all these things are being worked on and studied over by the farmers' clubs. So, too, do you wonder it is a matter of great pleasure to me, a great satisfaction, to feel that I have a part in the organizing of such institutions and a chance to help in the improvement of the world, in this scheme of evolution, which is surely going on?

Thanking you for your earnest attention I shall assure you that this occasion will be one of which I shall be proud to tell within a few weeks when I am again at work among the clubs of California.

The next part of the program was an address by Mr. W. S. Carson, on the subject, "How may the effectiveness of the farmers' club work be promoted." The effectiveness of a thing is measured by its success in carrying out the objects for which it was made. The effectiveness of a piece of ordinance is measured by its crushing, killing power. The red cross movement had its effectiveness increased by the international recognition it now enjoys. The effectiveness of a legislature is measured by the good work done. So, too, the effectiveness of the farmers' clubs must be measured by what it does along different lines.

How may the effectiveness of the farmers' clubs toward the home be increased? By making the members feel that they are coming home; by making the club day seem a home day. In the North Owosso Club the hostess is saved by rules limiting her to the procuring of a certain few substantial eatables, the others bringing what extras they wish to.

How the effectiveness of the club may be increased in the farming operations themselves requires much attention. The young should receive attention and should be taught that the business of farming is a noble one and that the young men may well stay on the farm if they know what opportunities await them there.

Not the fruits, the meats, which are rated so high in European markets, but farmer preachers, doctors, presidents and legislators are the products of the farm, of which we should be proud.

The club can do good by frowning down the growler who never does anything but find fault, and can give words of encouragement to those who are working for the welfare of the state. It can be a school for the study of political economy. It has a duty toward the agricultural college of the state, and not only to the agricultural but to other interests of the state. And

Now for politics, we must be interested in the part to be taken in politics is of wonderful importance, while true citizenship must be the greatest object of admiration to all.

Peter Patchell, of the North Vernon Club, then read a paper on "The Issues of the Future." He asked, who does not wish to look into the future. I, however, can not say what are to be the issues of the future. If I could I should be a prophet, and I am not. Many of the issues of the future come from present discontent. If it had not been for the discontent of the forefathers of the revolution there would today be no land of the free and home of the brave. The trust issues will certainly be among the issues of the future, for even now all political parties are declaring against them. The club movement is evidently expected to do much to bring it about that corporations shall pay their just parts of the taxes, and that the trust problems shall also be solved in time. In the last year, tho we voted for changes in tax laws we still have none for none were passed which would stand the test.

Mrs. B. H. Balcom in beginning the discussion of the subject, "Should the Right of Suffrage be Confined to the Gentlemen," said that while it has been talked so long that it would seem to be worn threadbare, it is not yet settled and it cannot be settled rightly without the thoughts of the best. Our forefathers to a certain extent set up right rules as to who should vote. "No taxation without representation," was their motto. Why should women be refused the right to vote? Because they are the weaker class? Why should a man have the right to say what should be the amount of freedom enjoyed by a woman? Lincoln, T. DeWitt Talmage and others have acknowledged that women either should be freed from the burden of taxes or should be given a vote in the disposition of those taxes. There can be no middle ground, they must be slaves or must be free. It has been said that woman's place is in the home, but see the positions now occupied by women—not because they no longer love their homes but because they can do much outside as well to protect their homes. In intellectual positions women have proved their ability, in business, in science and in other places, and the men know that the women are equal to the tasks which the suffrage demands. And some day if the men do not give us the franchise if they do not ordain us, in the words of Frances Willard, then we must ordain ourselves. But let us remember always to uphold and work for the good. To simply cast a ballot will not free our land from crime. Men and women must all work together for the advancement of the world's civilization.

The last paper of the afternoon's program was read by Mr. Archibald Wrigley the question considered and one of the principal points brought out follow:

"What laws are we under that foster trusts?" The expression, everyone for himself and the devil take the hindmost, while coarse has too often expressed the condition of law and society about us. Some one has said that the average man desires to be an upright fellow rather than play the hog, but if it is made easy and greatly advantageous to him to play the hog what is to be done about it? This has been emphasized by the deeds of the man who is at the head of the great oil trust.

Tariff laws, I hold, are among the laws which foster trusts—tariffs do not tax according to ability but only according to what is consumed. There is something radically wrong when men can become multi-millionaires. If Christ had worked for a dollar a day since his birth the amount of his wages would today be but a little over a half million.

The men who labor should be represented in legislative assemblies as well as the men of wealth who are so well represented now.

We are, too, under the law of the single gold standard which I believe helps foster trusts. The banker's association a few years ago urged the associated bankers to secure control of the press and yet to secure the influence of congressmen; and all have been carried out to the letter. I do not believe in being pessimistic but let us look things squarely in the face and protect our homes.

Col. Moyses at this point announced the meeting of the old settlers for Caledonia Park on the 24th, next week Thursday.

The jubilee singers then favored the audience with two selections, their speaker announcing the meetings which began Sunday. Two other songs were then sung by the same singers, and the program of the day was ended.

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G. A. R. National Encampment at Philadelphia.

The committee of L. B. Quackenbush Post No. 205 G. A. R., of this city, is making arrangements for attending the national encampment at Philadelphia, September 4-9, and expects to take a good crowd of old soldiers and their friends out of Owosso September 2d, in a special car running through to Philadelphia without change. The special car will leave via the Ann Arbor Ry. at 9 a. m. taking the Hoeking Valley Ry. at Toledo, stopping at Columbus for supper and changing to the B. & O. at Athens, Ohio. Breakfast will be had at Cumberland, Md., and the train is expected to be in Philadelphia for dinner at 2:30 of the day after leaving home.

The special car will be decorated and the post will take along its drum corps and colors. Free quarters have been secured for the visiting comrades at Stevenson's Barracks, only a block from the station at Market and 23d streets. The committee advises all comrades to provide themselves with blankets and towels.

All who expect to go are requested to notify the G. A. R. committee at once of their intentions so that provisions for the accommodation of the company may be made in time and may be ample. The committee is composed of W. R. Smith, J. J. Mackey, John H. Wood, O. F. Webster, and W. A. Richardson, secretary, with the latter of whom information may be left at his grocery store, on South Washington street.

The fare for the round trip will be \$14.10 from Owosso, tickets good for ten days with privilege of extension of thirty days by depositing ticket at Philadelphia and paying fifty cents extra.

West Fairfield.

Lewis Labaus, an old resident here, is calling on old friends hereabouts—James Munson and wife are taking an outing at Crystal Lake for a few weeks—H. W. Fuller and wife visited relatives at Oak Grove from Saturday until Monday—T. Haire and wife spent a part of last week at A. A. Palmer's in Olive, Clinton Co.—Mrs. Thomas Boone entertained her brother, C. W. Nokes and wife, of Cleveland, O., last week—Pearl Moody, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Harry Brainard, the past few weeks returned to her home in Isabella Co. Saturday—Miss Maud Ford, who has been visiting Miss Ethel Greenfield, returned to her home in Corunna the last of the week—Bert Clark, of St. Johns is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Harry Allen—Mr. George Cobb and family, and Mr. Henry Van Deusen and family attended the dedication services of the M. P. church at Carland last Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sexton go to Gaylord Wednesday to visit their children—Harry Allen and wife, Dan Van Deusen and wife and Henry and Ward Van Deusen took in the excursion to Lansing Wednesday—Clifford French went to Grand Rapids and while there enlisted to go to Manila.

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